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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application of : Bentzien, J et al. ) Art Unit: 1626  
U.S. Appln. No. : 10/632,888 ) Examiner: Stockton, L.L.  
Confirmation No. : 3053  
U.S. Filing Date : 08/01/2003  
Title of Invention : Substituted Benzimidazole Compounds  
Attny. Docket No.: 9/254

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Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 11/17/2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 18 of this paper.